

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona The Talepipe Newsletter



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Our monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at T.G.I. FRIDAYS, located on the corner of Granada Avenue and A1A in Ormond Beach. We invite you to dine with us (Dutch treat) at 6:00 PM, and stay for the meeting, which begins at 7:00.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Dear Cruisers:

First, let me begin by wishing everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year. It will be a pleasure to serve as President for the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona. I would like to acknowledge the past Board for their leadership, dedication, and service to our club and welcome our new officers. As we start 2014 the calendar is filling up with activities and Dining on the Run (DOTR) dates. I hope all of you will be able to participate and enjoy the company of our members at these fun-filled events. The board is always receptive to your input for places to dine and visit. As you know we are an eating club with a Corvette problem. What we have works well because of our great members. We truly are a Corvette family, and I welcome the opportunity to serve as your president.

*Sincerely,
John Doria*



WELCOME 2014: As you ring in this New Year, are you having a hard time coming up with fresh ideas for New Year's resolutions? Are you stuck in a rut with the same old ones you make year after year i.e., eat healthy, lose weight and get more exercise? (And then break it shortly thereafter?) If so, here are a few suggestions of new ideas you may wish to consider:

- Resolve to attend more club events this year than you did last year.
- Resolve to get to know each member a little better.
- Resolve to read the Newsletter every single month, and print it out for your spouse or partner.

- Resolve to clean the wheels and the interior every time you wash your Corvette.
- Resolve to wear the official club shirt to club functions when so designated.
- Resolve to be a little quieter at club meetings when the meeting is in session (so the Secretary can hear what's being said).
- Resolve to be a little more patient with the wait staff at Friday's.
- Resolve to live well, laugh often, and love more in 2014...
- And, oh yeah, resolve to eat healthy, lose weight, and get more exercise.

BUT DON'T START THAT DIET JUST YET....at least not until after our January Dining on the Run. A great way to start the New Year is to join the club on a trip to the Halifax Plantation, one of our favorite spots, for their delicious Sunday morning breakfast buffet. Let's meet at Beall's in Ormond Beach at 8:30 a.m. on January 5th.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: The Corvette Cruisers are happy to welcome Ken Crick and Trish Ardler as our newest members. Ken and Trish make their home in the LPGA Community in Daytona Beach and drive a sweet 2003 50th Anniversary Red Convertible. Welcome aboard!!

JANUARY IS STATS MONTH: Our annual status report is an interesting mix.



Presently, we have 25 memberships made up of 45 active members from the "Greater Daytona" area; 2 from Palm Coast; 15 from Ormond Beach;

12 from Daytona Beach, 2 from South Daytona, 2 from Daytona Beach Shores, 7 from Port Orange; 2 from Edgewater; 1 from Deltona, and 2 from Dandridge TN (who, when they return to Florida, may stay either in Daytona or Ormond). At this time, our club members own 29 Corvettes: 7 Blues; 7 Reds; 5 Yellows; 4 Silvers; 3 Blacks; 2 Oranges; and, 1 Green. There is a pretty good spread with the generations as we have 1 (C-1); 2 (C-2); 4 (C-3); 2 (C-4); 5 (C-5); and, 15 (C-6). We are still waiting on the first purchaser of a C-7.

LOOK QUICK: If you hadn't seen it yet, be sure to look for Leslie Armstrong in the New Smyrna Beach Chevrolet commercial for the C-7 Corvette. Apparently, even after five or six takes, the rest of us who were at the C7 unveiling filming the ad, ended up on the cutting room floor. You may recall that Leslie was the first to fire up the new car. Perhaps it was that event that struck a chord with the film crew. Way to go, Leslie!!



A FEW TIMELY REMINDERS TO NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS:

(1) If you are a smoker, we wholeheartedly support your right to smoke. However, please know that we do have members who have COPD, asthma, allergies, some who are cancer survivors, some who fear second-hand smoke, and some who just don't like the smell. We ask that you please be considerate and refrain from smoking around others.

(2) Also, our club is made up of Republicans, Democrats, Independents, Tea-Partiers, those who have no party affiliation, Liberals, Conservatives, Moderates, and those who just don't give a hoot. Please don't assume everybody thinks the way you do. Politics, like religion, is a dangerous topic and can cause strong feelings. So, let's talk about something we all know, love, and agree on - Corvettes (and food), but of course.

(3) Shirt Protocol: Since we have several new members (and some old ones who forget), questions always arise as to when to wear our club shirts. The official club shirt is the Jonathon Corey brand, tangerine golf shirt embroidered with the club logo, and perhaps your name, which is optional. The club shirt is to be worn to official club events, with the exception of the monthly meeting. Of course, you are always welcome to wear your club shirt to the meeting, but it is not required. Some

events, such as those at a member's house, (i.e. pool party, cook-out, Halloween party, race party, etc.), the Christmas Banquet, or some special outings do not require the club shirt. At events where we represent the club in public, we generally wear the official shirts. Official shirts are purchased only from the official catalog through Chuck Konopsky, our official shirt master.

All members may want to take a personal inventory to ensure that your shirts are not so faded that the color is questionable. ☺ These shirts are still a bargain at \$22. Remember that other shirts and other colors can be ordered with the Corvette Cruisers logo, but ONLY from the official catalog. Order forms can be picked up from Leslie Armstrong, Jean Doyle, or Chuck.

AND SPEAKING OF SHIRTS.....



Remember this one? Some members have asked about ordering duplicates of the screen printed tee shirts that were given out at the Christmas party in 2012. These can be ordered in your choice of color (except red, black or navy, due to the front and backs designs); however we must have an order of at least 24. No one

can beat the cost, which will be about 6 or 7 bucks for a quality tee shirt that washes well, doesn't shrink, and is made of a 50/50 blend. See Jean if you are interested and we will see if we can get at least 24. Though these shirts are not to be worn to official club events, members have found a variety of places to wear them throughout the year.

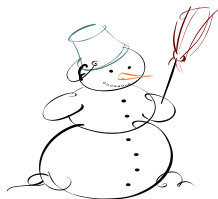
CHRISTMAS BANQUET: The year ended on a high note with our annual Christmas party at the Oceanside Country Club in Ormond. The view was spectacular, but unfortunately Mother Nature provided only a short opportunity to see the beautiful golf course before turning off her lights. Everybody looked wonderful and very festive in their "dress-up clothes." The decorations were beautiful, as was the presentation of the food. After our tummies were full (especially after devouring that HUGE dessert), Jim Quinn, our outgoing president, put the past year in review, recalling some of the events and unique happenings that occurred in 2013. He thanked the outgoing officers for their service before handing the gavel over to the new president. On behalf of the club, Art Armstrong, outgoing vice president, presented Jim with a token of appreciation for his four years as President. When Jim opened the gift, he was a bit confused to find a brick. However, the brick was a replica of one

that will be placed on the walkway at the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY in Jim's honor. The brick will be engraved with the message, "Jim Quinn, President, 2010-2013, Daytona Club." (Characters were limited, so the entire name of the club could not be used.) Art then presented a lighthearted gift of a broom and dust pan to Richard Wetherby, the incoming vice president, indicating that the VP's job is to clean up anything the President messes up. John Doria introduced the new Board and said a few words about taking over the reigns as President, which culminated the end of a very enjoyable evening. Reviews of the evening were pretty much all over the place. Parking together was a problem after the attendant left the area. The spots were roped off to prevent others from parking there, however, there was no direction that our members could move the ropes and park in the designated spots. Most agreed the food was very good, but some thought the price was a little high for the type of food served. Some experienced difficulty finding bar staff and felt they were a little understaffed for the number of parties. All were displeased with the noise level of the other groups that filtered into our area, making it difficult to hear our speakers. But all must agree that the evening was delightful just having the chance to mingle and chat. A big thank you goes out to our very generous members who filled up the food donation

table quite nicely. Dave Huber played Santa once again and delivered the goodies to the food bank at Urban Ministries in Ormond Beach. Thanks, also, to all who provided comments on your specific dining experience. These comments will be taken into consideration when planning for Christmas Party 2014.

P.S. NOBODY was disappointed with the dessert!!! (Photos by Lars, John D. and blurry ones by Jean)

WINTER PARK TRIP: We may have had snow on our minds when we ventured to Winter Park, but the 80 degree thermometer reading reminded us all that we were in Florida for Christmas. Steve and Anita Slaton, Jim and Ginny Quinn, Skip and Joan Crowder, Bob and Linda Wolff, Jack Keimber and Yvonne Mandley, John Reis, Dave Huber and Maya Branden, and Ed and Jean Doyle made their way west on I-4 to the town of Winter Park to the Hillstone Restaurant, where they were joined by Lars and Carole Connelly. A cozy restaurant on a beautiful lake and an absolutely delicious lunch were enjoyed by all. After lunch and a relaxing respite on the grounds, the group proceeded to the quaint little town of Winter Park where everyone was on their own to find a parking space. With Christmas shoppers everywhere and only ten days until Christmas, this was not an easy task. A



few, who were not so lucky, headed home while others enjoyed the scenic town decked out in its holiday finery. Many thanks to Joan Crowder for engineering the trip....the meal and the comradery were well worth the drive. (Photos by Maya and Lars)

VINTAGE AIRCRAFT SHOW:



On Saturday, January 4th, an Open HANGAR Day will take place at the New Smyrna Beach Municipal Airport. You

will be able to view WWII Bombers, F4U-5 Corsair, TP-51C Vintage Restoration Projects and Museum up close and personal. Hot dogs, burgers, and drinks will be provided for the nominal fee of a 4-5 lb. bag of dry dog or cat food. Some club members indicated an interest in attending, so if you wish to go, meet John Doria at the Target on Dunlawton Ave. (in Port Orange) at 9:45 a.m. on the 4th.



Happy Birthday Wishes go to Ed Anderson, our only January birthday who celebrates on the 28th.

CORVETTE NEWS FROM ED: Chevrolet will reveal the 2015 Corvette Z06 and the Corvette C7.R race car at the Detroit Auto Show on Jan. 18-26. The C7.R will make its racing debut in the United

Sports Car Championship (USCC) racing series at the Rolex 24 at Daytona on Jan. 25th. (See PHOTO OF THE MONTH.)

Automobile Magazine named Tadge Juechter, Corvette Chief Engineer as **Man of the Year**. The publication praised Tadge as not only the most eloquent engineer they've met, but also "the one who got it right." In addition to Tadge's accolade, the 2014 Corvette Stingray was named Automobile Magazine's 2014 **Automobile of the Year**.

Showing pride in the product, the Corvette Chief Engineer recently joined his dad, Mat, when he took Museum Delivery of his 2014 Laguna Blue Stingray. The car is Mat's second Corvette, the other being a C6 which is his daily driver. Mat is proud to tell you about his vanity plate, which reads MYSNSCR...an abbreviation for My Son's Car.

CORVETTE NEWS FROM JEAN: General Motors announced the appointment of Mary Barra as CEO of the company. Ms. Barra will be the first woman to lead a global automaker. Now they will REALLY get it right!!!

PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page): The Corvette C7.R, which debuts at the Detroit Auto Show, is shown here testing in its camouflage paint scheme.

Make 2014 your best year ever!